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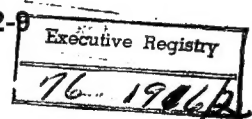
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18 May 1976



Honorable Lucien Nedzi, Chairman
Special Subcommittee on Intelligence
Committee on Armed Services
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515


Dear Mr. Chairman:

On 16 April 1976 I advised you we would be publishing our analysis of Soviet ruble outlays for defense programs and would make it available to you as soon as it was completed. We have now completed that analysis and I am forwarding copies of the classified and unclassified versions herewith.

I believe the study speaks for itself. I would only point out that the analysis does not indicate that the Soviets have any more weapons or manpower than previously estimated, but rather that the cost of these defense programs is greater than we originally had estimated.

We would be happy to discuss this matter further with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,


George Bush
Director

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16 April 1976

Honorable Melvin Price, Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As you may be aware, CIA has been working for some time on new estimates of trends in the ruble costs of Soviet defense programs. This is to inform you that our work is progressing well and that we expect to publish the results some time in the first two weeks of May. I am sure you will be interested in this publication and I will see to it that you get one of the first copies.

Sincerely,

George Bush
George Bush
Director

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